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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, September 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	09/21/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
John Mucha, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Kyla Teed, Public Member **Secretary**
Lori Malloy, Professional Member
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
David Mangler, Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Tara Donofrio, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Michelle Bailiff
Ronna Glenn
Dr. Marlene Saunders, NASW - DE

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed August 17, 2015 minutes for approval. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for Licensure by Examination

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the application for licensure by examination for Robin Balick. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for ASWB Exam (Full Board Review Needed)

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Samantha Hudson. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Carol Johnson-Krumm. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to approve the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Shyla Surratte. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Disability Accommodations to Sit for the ASWB Exam

The Board reviewed the disability accommodation request for Sarah Martin. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the request for disability accommodations. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding House Bill 69

The Board reviewed House Bill 69, and Ms. Kelly provided the Board with a brief synopsis of the changes. The Board discussed potentially limiting telemedicine services to only LCSW's. Ms. Williams will send current and proposed regulations from other regulatory Boards in Delaware that address telemedicine, as well as information from the ASWB regarding other jurisdictions. The Board will discuss House Bill 69, and draft potential regulatory changes during their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Discussion Regarding Joint Sunset Committee Recommendations

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that she researched other jurisdictions in an attempt to distinguish how other jurisdictions define social work. She reported that Connecticut primarily has the same scope of practice as Delaware is proposing, but MSW's must practice under professional supervision. Ms. Williams provided the board with an update on their progress on addressing the recommendations from the Joint Sunset Committee.

Review and Discuss Proposed Grandfathering and Exemption Provisions

Ms. Kelly informed the Board that she found Minnesota's statute regarding grandfathering provisions. Minnesota has a two year window for grandfathering, and they require a social work degree, or a degree in a related subject, or any degree with at least one year of experience in social work. The Board discussed a variety of degrees that would be considered substantially related. The degree types that the Board considered to be substantially related were Human Services; Social and Behavioral Science; Psychology; Sociology; and other related degrees acceptable to the Board.

The Board determined that there would be a two year period for individuals applying under the grandfathering provision, to submit their application to the Division of Professional Regulation.

The Board discussed the amount of experience that would be required to obtain licensure under the grandfathering provision. Mr. Mangler advised the Board that continuous, unblemished experience, ultimately overcomes any education.

The Board discussed dual pathways for an individual to apply under the grandfathering provision. The first pathway would address individuals who have a social work or substantially related degree. The second pathway would address individuals who do not have a degree, but have experience.

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to approve the following grandfathering provisions, as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

The first pathway addresses individuals who have a social work degree or a related degree acceptable to the Board (which includes human services degrees, social and behavioral science degrees, psychology degrees, sociology degrees). If an individual has a degree that is acceptable to the Board, and has been doing the work defined as bachelor's level of social work for at least one (1) year, they can apply for a bachelor's level license. If an individual has a master's level degree, and has been doing the work defined as master's level social work, and has two (2) years of experience, they can apply for a master's level license.

The second pathway addresses individuals who do not have a degree, or do not have a degree acceptable to the Board. If an individual has been doing the work defined as bachelor's level social work, but has 5 years' experience doing the work (continuous and unblemished), they can apply for a bachelor's level license. This would be verified by a service form completed by HR. If an individual has been doing the work defined as master's level social work (continuous and unblemished), but has 10 years' experience doing the work, they can apply for a master's level license.

The Board discussed the possibility of reconvening a legislative committee. It was decided not to reconvene the legislative committee at this time, but rather continue to address the recommendations. Once the Board has made their final decisions, they will circulate the information to the members of the legislative committee for review, and schedule a legislative committee meeting, after the committee members have had a chance to review and consider the proposals.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Mason and Ms. Teed will review the clean applications on a weekly basis, while Ms. Malloy is out of the country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Bailiff suggested that the Board consider exploring the parameters of telemedicine, for instance, individual with a homebound status.

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board, and urged the Board to draft stipulations regarding telemedicine. Dr. Saunders suggested that the Board consider in regard to the grandfathering provisions, in addition to the degree and experience, requiring supervision and CE's, for individuals to understand the importance of licensure. Additionally, Dr. Saunders suggested that the input from stakeholders may be greater, if the Board published the minutes to the online calendar, prior to them being approved. Ms. Williams advised Dr. Saunders, that it is the Division of Professional Regulation's policy not to publish meeting minutes until they are approved by the Board. Lastly, Dr. Saunders advised the Board that the President of the NASW will be coming to Delaware, and she will be highlighting the partnership with the Board and the Division of Professional Regulation.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

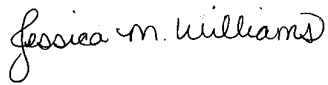
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners